

English insurance men are discussing the possibility of making fire insurance compulsory in England the tax on farming lands exceeds 10 per cent. of the value of crops; in Egypt it is 14 per cent.

The Dowager-Empress of Russia has no fortune in her own right, as no settlement was ever made for her.

Bulgaria has the smallest money supply, as compared with the population, \$1.76 per capita, and it is all in silver.

The "Ministry of OH Boots" supply 30,000 garments and 27,000 pairs of boots to the needy ones of London annually.

One hundred and twelve designs have been submitted for the buildings and grounds of the Paris Exhibition of 1900.

A monument is to be erected to Blomberg in Dresden. King Albert of Saxony has taken an active interest in the project.

The Dowager-Czarina will visit England in March. During her stay she will be the guest of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Every ship-building country showed a decrease in construction last year, that of Great Britain amounting to over 25 per cent.

The Grand Council of the Swiss canton of Neuchâtel has decided that funerals shall hereafter be paid for by the public.

The Paris Exposition of 1900 promises to be even more magnificent than that of Chicago, if present plans are carried out.

A monument of Thomas a Kempis is to be erected at Zolla, Holland, where he died on July 4, 1517, at the age of ninety-one.

Consular reports from France declare that large quantities of snuff are shipped annually to the United States for consumption.

The latest statistics published in England reveal a crop of 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, giving employment to 56,000 people and \$10,000,000 worth of produce.

The new Siberian Railway traverses regions where game is so abundant that the project of establishing game reserves is being considered.

Lord Rosebery the other day presented the boys of the Fifth Training-ship *Calendula* off Queensferry, with £50 to start a happy band.

It is proposed in Paris to establish a Grand Prix of \$50,000 for bicyclists of all nations, the first race to come off next summer at Vincennes.

The profits of Italy are the most heavily taxed of any civilized nation. The State taxation equals 22 per cent. of the earnings of the people.

One of the suggested features for the Paris Exposition of 1900 is a hole in the ground 3,000 feet deep, with elevators, and a restaurant below.

The Duke of York is making arrangements for a visit to Canada next spring. After spending some time in the Dominion he will proceed to Australia.

Mme. Regener, a florist of Rotterdam, Holland, is the owner of a plant rosette, which had 6,000 roses in full bloom at one time during the past summer.

A famous and well-known Frenchman compares London on Sunday to a well-ordered cemetery, with here and there an uneasy ghost walking about.

Berlin is one of the most cosmopolitan of European cities. Though it is the capital of Germany only 47 per cent. of its inhabitants are Germans by birth.

Seventeen wills, each representing personally above \$2,000,000, have been offered for probate so far this year in England, being the largest number in seven years.

The woman suffrage movement is growing in England. There are five lady candidates, headed by Viscountess Harberton, for the vestry in South Kensington.

The King of the Belgians is anxious to have Brussels supplied with pure water, and to that end offers a prize of \$5,000 for the best plan by which the city can be served.

Lady Collin Campbell has succeeded in passing all the other papers in London by securing a contributor for her new paper, the *Revue*, the Sultan of Turkey.

The Germans will erect an obelisk over the grave of Robert Louis Stevenson, which, from its great height on the Vaux Mountain, will be a conspicuous landmark from the sea.

Paris papers say that the property in that city belonging to Cornelius Herz, who was implicated in the Panama scandal, will be sold in a short time. It includes a dozen lots in a prominent street.

People who live beyond their means and are very lax in paying their debts have been blacklisted in Vienna by a daring publisher. A book containing their names has met with a big sale.

Another "wonder doctor" has been discovered in Germany. He is a shepherd named Ast, living in the small village of Radbruch. In the last few weeks over 1,000 persons have visited him from all parts of Germany.

ached like sore teeth. His skin was hot and dry, and to bed he was obliged to go. For sixteen days he was unable to move, and at the end of that time he found himself alive, and that was about all you could say for him.

In his letter he goes on to tell what happened next. "I had a foul taste in the mouth," he says, "and my teeth and tongue were covered with a thick slimy phlegm. My wife says my tongue was like an overripe apple, and I'm sure it was rough as a nutmeg rind."

What I ate, which wasn't much, gave me pain in the chest and sides. After a mouthful or two I felt full and bloated, and I used to swell to a great size. By-and-by a hacking cough set in, and my breathing got short and quick. At night I lay for hours gasping for breath, and often coughed so I was afraid I should burst a blood vessel. I got weaker and weaker, and one day I broke-minded horse. The doctor said it was asthma, but he wasn't able to relieve it. Although I live only two minutes' walk from the factory where I work, I had to stop and rest on my way many a time.

"Thus matters went with me until June, 1892. Then one day I took up the *Evening Newsman*, and having been cured by Mother Selge's Curative Syrup, I got some of this medicine from the International Tea Company, Braintree. After a few doses my breathing grew easier, and by keeping on with the Syrup my food soon digested, the cough left me, and I gained strength. I am now as strong as ever, can eat and sleep as much as I like, am a brickmaker, and work at the factory of Messrs. John West and Sons, High Street, Braintree, and have lived in this town over forty years. (Signed) R. B. WATSON, Sandpit Road, Braintree, Essex, August 23rd, 1892."

Now let us see how this illustrates the proposition we started out with. For almost three years Mr. Watson was ill with what seemed like a series of different diseases. He had the influenza, the asthma, and another disease which he gave no name to—even if he recognized it. Look for a moment at the variety and incongruity of the pains and troubles he mentions, and he doesn't describe them all, either. You would fancy he had half a dozen ailments at least. Yet he had but one—indigestion and dyspepsia—of which all his bodily disturbances (influenza included—a blood disease) were symptoms. All came out of the stomach, and when Selge's Syrup set that right the others quietly departed.

What, then, is one thing of "the handful of things we know"? Answer: That nearly all sorts of diseases are really symptoms of indigestion and dyspepsia, and that Mother Selge's Curative Syrup cures it.

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G. K. MOORE,
Honorary Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1895. (50)

GOVERNMENT BILLS.
TENDERS FOR SPECIE—MEXICAN
DOLLARS, Current in this Colony, and
weighing 7.17, in Exchange for Sterling Bills
Drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Com-
missioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, London, will
be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay
Department, until 11 A.M. on MONDAY, the
4th instant.

The Tenders to state the total amount required
(in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which
each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be
issued for sums less than £100.

The Tenders to be in Duplicate and in sealed
covers, addressed to the Chief Paymaster, Army
Pay Department, and endorsed "Tenders for
Government Bills."

The right to accept or reject any or all of the
Tenders is reserved.

WILLIAM I. BARR,
Colonel,
Chief Paymaster, China.
Her Majesty's Treasury Office,
Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1895. (186)

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.
SPECIAL.
No. 107.—The following extract from the
Hongkong Government Gazette is published for
information:—

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION—No. 20.
10TH JANUARY, 1895.
"H.E. THE GOVERNOR, with the consent of
H.E. the Major-General Commanding, has been
pleased to make the following appointments in
the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, viz.:—Major A.
R. PEMBERTON, Rifle Brigade, to be Comman-
dant, with effect from the 1st proximo, and
Captain A. C. GORDON, R.A., to be Adjutant,
with effect from the 8th instant."

No. 108.—Members are reminded that the
Volunteer Year ENDS on the 31st March next,
and that all who do not fulfil their obligation by
that date are liable to make good to the Corps
the amount lost to the funds by their failure to
do so, viz. \$25.

No. 109.—FIELD BATTERY, 64-Pr. Com-
petition, Stonecutters' Island, 26th January—
Winner and Holder of CHALLENGER CUP for
Ensign Year—Gunner HENDERSON.

No. 200.—In giving good-bye to the Hong-
kong Volunteer Corps with which he has been
associated for the past two years the Acting
Commandant thanks the Members of the Corps
of all ranks for the hearty support they have
given him.

He wishes the Corps every prosperity and
trusts that it may increase in smartness and
efficiency until it reaches the highest standard—
an end which can only be thoroughly attained
when the esprit de corps is such as to cause
every member to perform his duty and fulfil his
obligations, as if the well-being and progress of
the Corps depended altogether on his own indi-
vidual exertions.

By Order,
L. A. C. GORDON, Capt. R.A.,
Adjutant,
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Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. (51)

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